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Title: SCATTEROMETRY AND ACOUSTIC BASED ACTIVE CONTROL OF THIN FILM DEPOSITION PROCESS

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED FEBRUARY 26, 2003

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 26, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I - The species best illustrated by claims 1-7 and 28-30.

Group II - The species best illustrated by claims 8-17 and 31-34.

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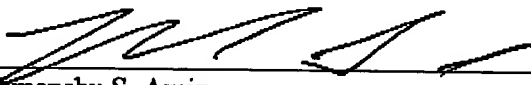
Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (The species best illustrated by claims 1-7 and 28-30) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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